

CHAPTER 287

H.B. No. 108

AN ACT

relating to creating a recognition day in honor of education paraprofessionals.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.049 to read as follows:

*Sec. 662.049. PUBLIC SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL DAY. (a) The second Wednesday in May of each year is Public School Paraprofessional Day in recognition of education paraprofessionals including teacher assistants, instructional aides, educational trainers, library attendants, bilingual assistants, special education associates, mentors, and tutors.*

*(b) Public School Paraprofessional Day shall be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies and activities in the public schools and other places to properly recognize the paraprofessionals who have made tremendous contributions to the educational process.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2001.

Passed by the House on April 5, 2001: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 10, 2001: Yeas 29, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Approved May 23, 2001.

Effective May 23, 2001.

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CHAPTER 288

H.B. No. 186

AN ACT

relating to certain insurance investigations regarding burglary or robbery losses or death claims.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 21, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Article 21.49C to read as follows:

*Art. 21.49C. REPORT OF CLAIMS INFORMATION ABOUT BURGLARY, ROBBERY, OR DEATH.*

*(a) Subject to Subsection (b), the state fire marshal, the fire marshal of a political subdivision in this state, the chief of a fire department in this state, a chief of police of a municipality in this state, or a sheriff in this state may, in the course of a criminal investigation, request in writing that an insurance company investigating a claimed burglary or robbery loss or a death claim seeking life insurance proceeds release information in the company's possession that relates to that claimed loss. The company shall release the information to any official authorized to request the information under this article if the company has reason to believe that the insurance claim is false or fraudulent.*

*(b) An official who requests information under this article may not request anything other than:*